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INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
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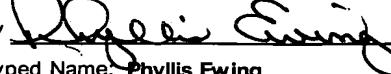
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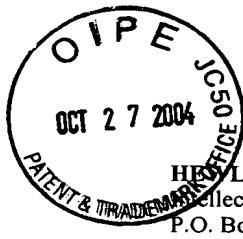
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S FURTHER ELABORATION  
ON THE 35 U.S.C. § 101 REJECTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004 (Paper No. 09242004),  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.